

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system for managing address data comprising:

an address data storing unit which stores destination address data of candidates for a recipient of merchandise, wherein the destination address data is categorized based on orderer's groups to which each of a plurality of orderers for merchandise belongs, and identification data unique to each of the plurality of orderers;

an identification data receiving unit which receives the identification data of the orderers from at least one orderer's terminal;

an address data extracting unit which extracts the destination address data from said address data storing unit; and

an address data output processing unit which outputs the destination address data extracted by said address data extracting unit to respective one of said orderer's terminal, wherein

said identification data receiving unit comprises a first specification processing unit which specifies an orderer's group to which an orderer who has input an order for merchandise belongs, based on a characteristic parameter of said orderer's terminal, and

said address data extracting unit comprises a second specification processing unit which specifies destination address data to be extracted, based on the identification data received by said identification data receiving unit, and the orderer's group specified by said first specification processing unit.

2. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1 further comprising:

a change request receiving unit which receives identification data of the orderer, and a request for changing the destination address data; and

a change processing unit which changes the destination address data stored in said address data storing unit, in response to the request received from said change request receiving unit, wherein:

the request received from said change request receiving unit comprises a first request for inserting destination address data, and a second request for deleting destination address data; and said change processing unit

inserts new destination address data corresponding to the identification data of the orderer to the destination address data stored in said address data storing unit, when said change request receiving unit receives said first request, and

deletes a part of or the whole destination address data stored corresponding to the orderer in said address data storing unit, when said change request receiving unit receives said second request.

3. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein:

the destination address data stored in said address data storing unit comprises recipient data showing at least one recipient of merchandise, and payer data showing at least one payer of merchandise;

said address data extracting unit comprises a read processing unit which reads the recipient data and the payer data from said address data storing unit, in accordance with the identification data of the orderer received by said identification data receiving unit; and

said address data output unit sends the recipient data and the payer data read by said read processing unit, to said orderer's terminal.

4. (Currently amended) A method of managing address data, comprising:

storing destination address data of candidates for a recipient of merchandise, categorized based on orderer's groups to which each of a plurality of orderers for merchandise belongs, and identification data unique to each of the plurality of orderers, in a storing unit;

specifying an orderer's group to which an orderer who has input an order for merchandise belongs, based on a characteristic parameter of a orderer's terminal;

receiving identification data of the orderer from said orderer's terminal;

reading destination address data, corresponding to the received identification data and the specified orderer's group, from said storing unit; and

providing the destination address data read from said storing unit, to said orderer's terminal.

5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 4 further comprising:

receiving a request for changing the identification data of the orderer, and the destination address data, from said orderer's terminal;

inserting new destination address data, corresponding to the identification data of the orderer, to the destination address data stored in said storing unit, when the request received from said orderer's terminal is a first request for inserting destination address data; and

deleting a part of or the whole destination address data stored corresponding to the orderer in said storing unit, when the request received from said orderer's terminal is a second request for deleting destination address data.

6. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein the destination address data stored in said storing unit comprises recipient data that shows at least one recipient of merchandise, and payer data that shows at least one payer of merchandise.

7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the recipient data and the payer data stored in said storing unit are read, in accordance with the identification data of the orderer received from said orderer's terminal, and the read recipient data and the payer data are sent to said orderer's terminal.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A computer program, comprising instructions for~~ A computer readable recording medium having a program recorded therein that allows a computer to perform the functions of:

storing destination address data of candidates for a recipient of merchandise, categorized based on orderer's groups to which each of a plurality of orderers for merchandise belongs, and identification data unique to each of the plurality of orderers, in a storing unit;

specifying an orderer's group to which an orderer who has input an order for merchandise belongs, based on a characteristic parameter of an orderer's terminal;

receiving identification data of the orderer from said orderer's terminal;

reading destination address data, corresponding to the received identification data and the specified orderer's group, from said storing unit; and

providing the destination address data read from said storing unit, to said orderer's terminal.

9. (Currently amended) The computer ~~program~~ readable recording medium according to claim 8 further comprising instructions for:

receiving a request for changing the identification data of the orderer, and the destination address data, from said orderer's terminal;

inserting new destination address data, corresponding to the identification data of the orderer, to the destination address data stored in said storing unit, when the request received from said orderer's terminal is a first request for inserting destination address data; and

deleting a part of or the whole destination address data stored corresponding to the orderer in said storing unit, when the request received from said orderer's terminal is a second request for deleting destination address data.

10. (Currently amended) The computer ~~program~~ readable recording medium according to claim 8 wherein the destination address stored in said data storing unit comprises recipient data that shows at least one recipient of a merchandise, and payer data that shows at least one payer of merchandise.

11. (Currently amended) The computer ~~program~~ readable recording medium according to claim 10 further comprising instructions for:

reading the recipient data and the payer data from said storing unit, in accordance with the identification data of the orderer received from said orderer's terminal; and

sending the recipient data and the payer data read from said storing unit, to said orderer's terminal.